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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE ATTACHED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION
3.72.080 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST –
PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION (AKA FIRST 5 LA)
(All Districts)(3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached ordinance amending Section 3.72.080 of the Los Angeles County Code requiring the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (aka First 5 LA) to measure the outcomes of its county funded programs as required by law and to comply with all applicable requirements of California Health & Safety Code Section 130140.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

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A public entity.

The purpose of this amendment is to make the County Code consistent with recently amended state law. AB 109 (Chapter 284, Statutes of 2005), passed by the California Legislature in 2005, established greater fiscal accountability and public transparency requirements for all First 5 county commissions in California. As a result, Health and Safety Code Section 130140(a)(1)(C)(iv) requires county ordinances to include language mandating that all First 5 county commissions measure the outcomes of county funded programs using applicable, reliable indicators.

While First 5 LA has had program evaluation requirements in place since the commission was created in 1998, the ordinance changes formalize current First 5 LA practices and are necessary to be in full compliance with state law. The ordinance changes must be in place by July 1, 2006 as mandated by state law.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no cost to the County. First 5 LA is funded by Proposition 10 and maintains a budget for evaluating program outcomes.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.72.080 of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the duties and responsibilities of the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (aka First 5 LA) should be amended as outlined in the attached ordinance. The amendment is necessary to make the County Code consistent with state law. The changes to the ordinance reflect amendments to California Health & Safety Code Section 130140, or any successor statute, as such statutes may be amended in the future. The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinance and approved it as to form.

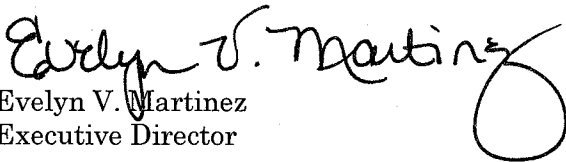
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Ms. Evelyn V. Martinez, Executive Director, First 5 LA, 750 N. Alameda, Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Chief Administrative Office, Auditor-Controller and County Counsel of the Board's actions in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Evelyn V. Martinez
Executive Director

Enclosures: (1) Ordinance

CC: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code to update the language of the ordinance relating to the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (aka First 5 LA) consistent with state law and to require the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (aka First 5 LA) to measure the outcomes of its county funded programs as mandated by state law.

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4/28/06 (requested)

5/1/06 (revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (aka First 5 LA).

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.72.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.72.080 Duties and responsibilities.

The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. To implement the goals and objectives of the Act;
- B. To prepare an adequate and complete county strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development within the county. The Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan prior to its adoption. The plan shall be submitted to the board of supervisors for its review and comment prior to submission to the State Commission. If the board makes any modifications to the plan, the plan, including any modifications made by the board, shall be returned to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission shall adopt the plan, including any modifications presented by the board which the Commission deems appropriate and shall submit the adopted plan to the State Commission;

1. The county strategic plan shall be consistent with, and in furtherance of the purposes of, the Act and any guidelines adopted by the State Commission pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130125(b) that are in effect at the time the plan is adopted;

2. The county strategic plan shall include, at a minimum, all of the elements specified in Health and Safety Code Section 130140(a)(1)(C)(ii). No county strategic plan shall be deemed adequate or complete until and unless the plan describes how programs, services, and projects relating to early childhood development within the county will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system;

C. To periodically review the county strategic plan on at least an annual basis and revise the plan as may be necessary or appropriate. The Commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on its periodic review of the plan before any revisions to the plan are adopted. The revised plan shall be submitted to the board of supervisors for its review and comment prior to submission to the State Commission. If the board makes any modifications to the revised plan, the revised plan, including any modifications made by the board, shall be returned to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission shall adopt the revised plan, including any modifications presented by the board which the Commission deems appropriate, and shall submit the revised plan to the State Commission;

D. To measure the outcomes of county funded programs through the use of applicable, reliable indicators and review that information on a periodic basis as part of the public review of the county strategic plan;

D.E. To submit its adopted county strategic plan, and any subsequent revisions thereto, to the State Commission;

E.F. To prepare and adopt an annual audit and report pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130150 and conduct at least one public hearing prior to adopting any annual audit and report;

F.G. To conduct at least one public hearing on each annual report by the State Commission prepared pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130150(b);

H. To comply with all applicable requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 130140, or any successor statute, as such statutes may be amended from time to time.

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